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Via email: 83096-32911861@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2020-00178-F

Dear Ms. Best:

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested the following

A copy of the list or printout or database listing of Inspector General investigations closed/reports completed during calendar year 2014. If the list is organized by FY rather than calendar year, the FY 2014 list is sufficient for this request. If no central list or database exists, then I request copies of the sheet or first page of each IG report completed during calendar year 2014.

Your request has been assigned to DOE's Office of Inspector General (IG) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. Upon completion of the search and review of any records located, that office will provide a response to you.

For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(3), as a "news media" requester. Requesters in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost.

In your letter, you requested a waiver of all fees associated with the processing of this request. Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.9(8), I have reviewed the information you provided in the request to support your request for a fee waiver. I have determined that the information satisfies the criteria considered for a waiver of fees. A waiver, therefore, is appropriate for any fees that may be incurred because the subject of the request relates to a government activity, and information about the activity could lead to greater understanding by the public about the matter. You also have demonstrated the ability and intent of your organization to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.



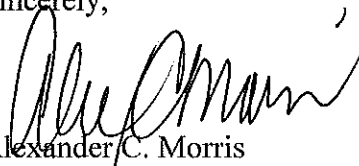
If you have any questions about IG's processing of your request, you may contact Ms. Karen Sulier, at 202-287-6892 or Ms. Patricia Hance, at 202-586-8228, or by mail at IG-1, Room 5A-240, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications with DOE about the request. If you have questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Timker Gebreselassie in this office at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at (202) 586-6859.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Morris", is written over the typed name.

Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Public Information